Beck appointed to commission

Cherokee County commissioners appointed D. J. Beck as a member of the Cherokee County Planning and Zoning Board at their meeting last week. It was the third consecutive year that he has been named to the board.

Cherokee County has five members on the planning and zoning board, all of whom serve three-year terms. The current board members are Paul B. Kirby, John W. Tallent, J. W. Greene, and John F. Brown.

Carthage to consider petition requesting parking exemption

Petitioners are requesting that the City of Carthage grant a parking exemption for the new Carthage High School. The petition, which was submitted by a group of parents and students, states that the new school will increase traffic in the area and that parking is already a problem.

Tatum may call bond election

Tatum School District Superintendent Dr. J. W. Tallent has announced that the board will consider calling a bond election to fund the construction of a new school. The district has been experiencing rapid growth in recent years, with the population increasing by 20% over the past five years.

County jail to receive certificate

The Cherokee County Jail has received a certificate of excellence from the National Commission on Correctional Facilities. The certificate is given to facilities that meet or exceed national standards for inmate care and safety.

The Cherokee County Jail has also been named one of the top 10% of correctional facilities in the country by the National Institute of Corrections. The jail has implemented a number of innovative programs in recent years, including a substance abuse treatment program and a program that allows inmates to work in the community while serving their sentences.

This Week

The Cherokee County Jail is currently housing 75 inmates, 30 of whom are on parole. The jail has a capacity of 100 inmates and is staffed by 20 corrections officers.

The Cherokee County Jail is located on the eastern edge of Carthage, near the border with Cherokee County. It was constructed in 1993 and has been updated and expanded several times since then.

The Cherokee County Jail is one of the largest and most modern facilities in the state, with state-of-the-art security and inmate care systems. It is also one of the most efficient, with a turnover rate of only 2.5% per year.
Corporation Court News

Carthage fire calls

Honor roll named

Dal Bounds announces for sheriff

At Park 243 banquet
Scouts get awards

Sentiments

for Valentine's Day

Oil, Gas News

Lending A Hand...
Taxing backache

Tax keepers and officials should have been a happy lot, at least in the early months of 1985. But the high cost of living and the increasing demand for services have softened their smiles. The impact of inflation on the tax base has been significant, as the rising cost of goods and services reduces the purchasing power of the tax dollars collected.

Eh, you say, that's the way it is. The tax rate has held steady for so many years. True, but the amount of property and other taxable items has increased, leading to a higher tax base. And the cost of providing services has soared, putting added pressure on the tax system.

We all know the feeling. Paying taxes can be a real burden, and we often wonder if the money we pay goes to worthwhile causes. It's easy to feel that the tax system is unfair and out of control.

On the other hand, the tax system is a vital part of our society. It helps finance essential services and programs, from schools to hospitals, and it plays a crucial role in shaping our economic and social systems. We simply can't afford to spend too much or too little on the things that matter to us.

So, what's the answer? How can we ensure that the tax system is fair and effective? One thing is clear: we need to keep an eye on what's happening, to stay informed and involved. We need to question and challenge, to demand accountability and transparency. Only then can we hope to create a tax system that works for us all.

Your Social Security

Social Security is a system of benefits designed to provide financial assistance to older Americans who have worked and paid into the system throughout their working lives. It is a complex and controversial system, with many different parts and provisions.

The main component of Social Security is retirement benefits, which are paid to qualified workers and their dependents. These benefits can be deferred to a later age or taken at an earlier age, with corresponding adjustments to the size of the benefit.

In addition to retirement benefits, Social Security also includes disability benefits for workers who are unable to work due to a physical or mental condition, and survivor benefits for the survivors of deceased workers.

Social Security is funded through a combination of payroll taxes paid by workers and employers. These taxes are used to pay the benefits to current beneficiaries, while any excess goes into a trust fund. The trust fund is used to pay future benefits and is also used to finance other government programs.

The Social Security system is facing significant challenges, particularly as the baby boomer generation retires and places increasing pressure on the system. As a result, many are calling for reforms to the system, such as raising the retirement age or increasing payroll taxes.

Obituaries

This section of the newspaper contains obituaries, which are notices of the death of a person, usually in a newspaper or in a similar publication. These notices may include information about the person's life, career, and other pertinent details. They are often submitted by family members or friends, and may be accompanied by pictures or other memorabilia. Obituaries are an important way to honor the memory of a loved one and to share their story with others.

Letters welcomed

Letters to the Editor are a vital part of the newspaper. They allow readers to express their opinions and share their thoughts on the news of the day. Letters can be written to offer a different perspective, to criticize or praise, or simply to share a personal story. They are often used to call attention to issues that may not be covered in the news, or to provide a platform for the exchange of ideas.

The Panelo Watchmen

Watchwords

The watchwords of the Panelo Watchmen are vigilance and integrity. These ideals guide the actions of the organization, which is dedicated to monitoring the news and highlighting any issues that may affect the community.

The Panelo Watchmen is a group of concerned citizens who are committed to ensuring that the news is accurate and fair. They maintain a close relationship with the local media, and often work to correct errors or omissions in the news.

Bealls

Bealls is a popular retail chain that offers a wide range of products, from clothing and home goods to electronics and appliances. The store is known for its high-quality merchandise and competitive prices, and it attracts customers from all over the region.

Bealls offers a wide range of brands and styles, from casual to formal, and from home decor to fashion accessories. The store also features a children's section, where parents can find everything they need for their kids, whether it's clothes or toys.

Medicare aid increased

Medicare is a federal health insurance program for people age 65 or older, as well as younger people with disabilities or end-stage renal disease. It provides comprehensive medical coverage, including hospitalization, physician services, and prescription drugs.

Medicare Part A covers hospitalization, while Part B covers outpatient care and doctor's services. Part C, also known as Medicare Advantage, offers additional benefits and coverage beyond what Medicare provides. Part D, also known as Medicare Prescription Drug Coverage, provides prescription drug coverage.

In recent years, Medicare has undergone significant changes, with increased focus on preventive care and geriatric medicine. The program is facing significant financial challenges, with costs rising faster than the economy can support.

The government is working to address these challenges, with a focus on improving the Medicare program and ensuring that it remains financially sound for generations to come. They are looking at ways to control costs, including through the use of technology and the promotion of preventive care.

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